

2016 KADB PROGRAM REVISIONS



The following changes were approved on Oct. 16, 2015, effective Jan. 1, 2016.

On-Farm Energy Efficiency Incentives Program:

*This section applies **ONLY** to the state energy program. It is not relevant to the CAIP energy investment area.*

APPLICATION:

- No changes
- \$500,000 in state funds approved for 2016 program

GUIDELINES:

- Added B.5. **"Applicants previously approved for the KADF On-Farm Energy Incentives Program must have completed the project prior to submitting a new application for consideration."**
- Modified D.2. **"Projects shall have a payback less than 25 years and applications must score at or above 25 points to be eligible for funding the useful life of asset as determined by manufacturer. This includes new or used equipment."** **If a portion of the project is not completed, then the remaining portion submitted for reimbursement still must meet these requirements. If not, then funds will not be disbursed.**

Deceased Farm Animal Removal (DAR):

GUIDELINES:

- **Remove guideline #11** - "Regional programs consisting of cooperation among two or more counties are encouraged." *Regional deceased farm animal projects are encouraged, but should use the KADF Project application – not the DAR program application.*

Shared-Use Equipment:

APPLICATION:

- **Revised** – cost-share on equipment only; removed references to administrative funds

GUIDELINES:

- **Removed** references related to recording a lien and changed "reversion" language to "return pro-rated amount or list 'trade-in' value on application for new equipment"
- Changed insurance coverage from length of "lien" to length of **"agreement"**
- Added that a copy of paid invoice and photo of equipment shall accompany first semi-annual report, along with serial number or other unique identifier

County Agricultural Investment Program (CAIP):

STANDARD GUIDELINES:

I-A. Application Guidelines: Organization Eligibility

- Added to **A.1.e** Willing to... **including random, periodic site visits.**
- 2. added **“c. designates individuals for scoring committee”** to what is included in meeting minutes
- Added **“4. Organization must be in good standing with GOAP and not have been suspended from administering programs by GOAP within the last 12 months.”**

II. Administering Entity’s Responsibilities

- A.2. **Scoring Committee:** changed to **“three”** or more individuals; **less than 50% may also serve on the county agricultural development council; and cooperative extension agents shall not score applications**
- Added required training language as A.4.; training must occur prior to execution of a new legal agreement
- Revised Program Promotion and Producer Application Availability (sections C. & D.)
 - Three (3) week minimum of advertising/promotion after receiving executed agreement
 - Minimum of two (2) forms of promotion on producer sign-ups: newspaper advertisement, Facebook, Extension newsletter, Website, posted flyer etc.
 - Producer application availability may coincide with the advertising/promotion period
 - Producer application must be available a minimum of 15 business days after the execution of the legal agreement.

IV. Producer Application and Reimbursement Procedures

- Added section after B. titled **“C. Decision Notification”** outlining written notification to producer applicants on the outcome of submitted application

V. Producer Application and Reimbursement Procedures

- VI.A.1. Household – changed a. to state **“receive”** instead of “apply”
- VI.A.3 added language about return of funds if producer is found to have received more than \$5,000 in a program year
- VI.B.4. added to state **“No cash purchases”**
- VI.D.2.b. **removed “GAP training”** as an exclusion from educational requirement
- Added VI.E.1.d. **“Administrators shall provide producers failing to meet the ownership requirement a written notice, giving a minimum of 30 days to repay the pro-rated amount.”**

PRODUCER APPLICATION:

- Removed question on page 1 related to anyone else applying having a financial interest in applicant’s farm operation (*related to prior operation language*)

- Question #1 – changed “have never been approved” to “have never received”
- Question #5 – % farm income; updated formula to use tax form language and note where numbers are located; reduced number of options to five
- Question #6 – removed off-farm income question (adjust question numbers accordingly)
- Question #7 – reduced points for AWQA plan to 7
- Question #8 – increased points for record keeping to 7
- Question #11 – tobacco dependency; changed to question #12 and modified as follows:
 - Please mark the statement that best describes your level of tobacco dependency (**choose only one**):
 - Prior to 2001 and not since, I grew tobacco or owned tobacco quota
 - Since 2001, I have owned quota, or grown and marketed tobacco
 - I have not grown tobacco or owned quota, but I am the son/daughter of someone who did.
 - I have NEVER grown tobacco or owned tobacco quota
- Incorporated the “Producer Certification Form” into the “Producer Report” to eliminate duplication of information. *New Producer Report & Certification form includes all investment areas.*
- Moved question #15 from Additional Questions to the producer application, as question #11: “Since 2001, have you added a new farming enterprise, modified an existing farming enterprise, and/or added a new practice?”
- Optional additional questions: Limited to 10 additional points total (up to five questions at two points each (no question can be more than 2 points))

INVESTMENT AREAS:

Agricultural Diversification:

- Updated Grapevine Cultivar Requirements from UK – European cultivars removed

Forage & Grain Improvement:

- Added **rental of spray equipment**

Technology & Leadership Development:

- D.2. changed “Personal Data Assistant (PDA)” to **“Tablet”** and added statement about no cost-share on data plans.
- C.2. Farm Safety – added **“safety switches and rollover bar canopies”**

Value-Added & Marketing:

- Removed GAP/GHP Audits, since cost-share is available from Hort. Council

Animal, Large / Animal, Small / Farm Infrastructure / Fencing & On-Farm Water / On-Farm Energy (CAIP only):

- No changes